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SUBJECT: AUSTRIA PLANS TO PROCURE MISSILES

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1. MINISTER OF DEFENSE LUTGENDORF ATTENDED A SMALL PRIVATE (FOUR PERSONS) LUNCHEON AT HOME OF DATT ON 23 JULY IN HONOR OF VICE ADMIRAL DE POIX, DIRECTOR OF DIA. DURING COURSE OF LUNCHEON THE SUBJECT OF AUSTRIA'S DESIRE TO MODERNIZE THE EQUIPMENT OF THE ARMY WAS DISCUSSED. LUTGENDORF STATED VERY CATEGORICALLY THAT HE INTENDED TO PURCHASE MISSILES IN SPITE OF PROHIBITION BY AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY. WHEN ASKED BY ADMIRAL DE POIX WHAT HE EXPECTED THE SOVIETS TO DO HE REPLIED AGAIN EMPHATICALLY, "NOTHING."

2. GOA HAS NOT APPROACHED EMBASSY IN SEVERAL YEARS WITH REGARD

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TO REINTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 13 TO PERMIT PURCHASE OF MISSILES.

WHILE SUBJECT MAY HAVE COME UP IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS
DURING KOSYGIN VISIT (SEE REFTEL), WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT MOD HAS
FORMULATED ANY SPECIFIC PLAN OR THAT MATTER HAS BEEN COORDINATED
WITH FONOFF.

3. DATT WILL INQUIRE DISCREETLY AT LOWER LEVEL ABOUT ANY PLANNING
IN THIS REGARD. MOWINCKEL

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